

Welcome to all attendees at the IPBA 2017 Conference, Auckland New Zealand

Kia Ora! We are delighted you have made the journey to New Zealand and would like to share some local knowledge.

Restaurants

The Grove: [Tripadvisor Review](#) International guests have raved about it.

Masu: [Reviews](#) By the Casino - it is a fantastic Japanese restaurant.

Top restaurants: as rated by [Auckland Metro Magazine](#)

Ebisu (great Japanese).

Woodpecker Hill: if you like Asian/Bourbon fusion – a fun, happening place.

French Café: A more formal Perennial – excellent food - rated number one by [cuisine magazine](#).

Depot

Euro: It's on the waterfront. Rated by [tripadvisor](#).

Soul: [Check out the Reviews and more details](#).

See also: [10 Best Luxury Dining Restaurants](#).

Wineries

Look out for these wines:

[Marisco](#) King's Series & The Ned: one of New Zealand's top wineries. By happy coincidence Andy Matthews' brother-in-law Brent Marris, is the award-winning winemaker & proprietor together with Andy's sister – no nepotism here!

Consider a visit to the West Coast wineries.

Villa Maria has just been named in the top 10 most admired wine brands and number one in New Zealand - [Villa Maria](#) - has a stunning cafe and Vineyard in the Auckland International Airport [Villa Maria Vineyard Café, Mangere](#)

Bars

If you are after a bar near Sky City two good picks are [Bellota](#) or [Federal](#) (which unfortunately does not take bookings).

See the best bars in [Auckland guide](#)

Another guide is here: [At the Heart of the City](#) - if you click on [FEDERAL & ELLIOTT](#) that should give you the nearby bars.

Glass Goose is close to Sky City & have [excellent reviews](#)

Mo's is a great, very small [whisky bar](#)

Things To Do

Wander around the **harbour** in the inner city. Visit [Britomart](#) precinct and the **Viaduct** area. The **Maritime Museum** is definitely worth a stop if you have the time.

For a slightly longer stroll you can keep walking towards the **Wynyard Wharf** including the city fish market and as far on as **Westhaven Marina** and **Harbour Bridge**. This definitely embodies the “City of Sails”.

Visit the **Auckland War Memorial Museum** for stunning city views and take in a cultural show. 15 minutes by cab from the CBD.

Visit **Mission Bay** or **St Helier's Bay**, 20 minutes from the CBD. These are some of Auckland's most popular “Bays”- suburbs by the beach.

A trip out to the wild **West Coast beaches** is well worth considering on a free half or full day. Combine this with a visit to the local wineries.

If the weather is kind take a trip out to **Waiheke Island**. A 45-minute ferry from downtown and a jewel in Auckland's crown. A mix of fine dining, artisan and laid back life.

Also, check out this [eBook](#) on Auckland.